the benefit of the following U.S. Provisional Applications: U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/056,590, filed August 20, 1997; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/044,821, filed April 25, 1997; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/025,855 filed September 9, 1996.--

It is also requested that upon publication of the above-identified patent application as a U.S. patent, that Fig. 5 be the drawing shown on the front page of the patent.

Page 12, line 5, please delete "anacronym" and insert --an acronym-- therefor.

Page 14, line 11, please delete "hypthese" and insert --hypotheses-- therefor.

Page 14, line 13, please delete "(4.1.2)" and insert --(4.1.3)-- therefor.

Page 14, line 14, immediately after "plurality" please insert --of--.

Page 14, line 16, immediately after "to" please insert --have--.

Page 15, line 1, please delete "(4.1.3)" and insert --(4.1.4)-- therefor.

Page 16, line 13, please delete "(4.1.4)" and insert --(4.1.5)-- therefor.

Page 17, line 1, please delete "(4.1.2)" and insert --(4.1.3)-- therefor.

Page 17, line 20, immediately after "present" please insert --invention--.

Page 17, line 22, please delete "(4.1.3)" and insert --(4.1.4)-- therefor.

Page 33, line 19, please delete "(9.5)" and insert --(9.6)-- therefor.

Page 34, line 20, please delete "course" and insert --coarse-- therefor.

Page 49, line 3, please delete "(PCT/US97/15933)" and insert --having International Patent Application No. PCT/US97/15933 filed September 8, 1997, and also having a corresponding U.S. national Patent Application No. 09/230,109 filed January 22, 1999, wherein these documents are fully incorporated herein by reference-- therefor.

Page 70, line 16, immediately after "application" please insert -- , PCT/US97/15933,-- .

Page 70, line 17, immediately after "inventor(s)" please insert -- as incorporated by reference hereinabove--.

Page 74, line 11, immediately after "application" please insert -- , PCT/US97/15933,-- .

Page 74, line 12, please delete "inventors. ." and insert --inventor(s) incorporated by reference hereinabove.--

2

151